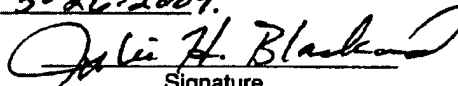


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This paper is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on March 2, 2009 which indicates that the amendment document filed on December 10, 2008 was considered non-compliant because each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier. Applicant believes that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was sent in error as Applicant did not file any amendment document on December 10, 2008.

In response to the second Election/Restrictions Requirement mailed on November 12, 2008, Applicant elected, without traverse, Species I, claims 1-6, 8, 11-15, 17, and 22-30, for further prosecution on the merits. This second election was made on December 10, 2008. Procedurally, subsequent to Applicant's election, all claims that the examiner holds as not being directed to the elected subject matter may then be withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner in accordance with 37 CFR 1.142(b). According to MPEP § 821, the examiner should then clearly set forth in the next Office action the reasons why the claims withdrawn from consideration are not readable on the elected invention. Prior to the second Election/Restrictions Requirement mailed on November 12, 2008, claims 20-21 were withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner subsequent to the first election by Applicant. Currently, no additional claims have been withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner subsequent to the second election by Applicant.